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## MARYLAND GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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HENRY LOWE of St. Mary's Co., Maryland, Gent. See *Mag.* ii, 180-181. The following, received too late for insertion in the last number, should be appended to the abstract of this will:—

“And on the back was endorsed St. Mary's County, November 6th, 1717” Oath of Richard Brooks and Michael Jenifer, two of the Witnesses. November 27th, 1717 Samuel Grasty (sic) made oath [signed] William Aisquith, Dep. Com'y True Copy from Lib W. B. No. 6 folio 453 per John Gibson Regr.—Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore, etc. Oaths as above and will of Henry Lowe proved before William Asquith, Gent., our then Deputy Commissary the 14 November 1717 by Henry Lowe and Bennett Lowe, sons and Executors, etc., Witness, Charles Calvert Esq., Our Commissary General and Chief Judge for Probate, this 1st June in the 16th Year of our Dominion 1730. John Gibson, Registrar. Similar attestation that on 1 November 1722 by Honorable Thomas Brooke, William Holland, Thomas Addison, Daniel Dulany, Esquires, then General Commissioners, administration of Henry Lowe Esquire late of Kent County in Province aforesaid, deceased, intestate, was granted Mary Lowe, his relict. Similar attestation that on 14 November 1722 administration of Bennett Lowe, Esquire, of St. Mary's County, deceased, intestate, was granted to his brother Nicholas Lowe Esquire. Following is will of Nicholas Lowe of St. Maries County in Maryland, gent, dated ——— 17—. To sister Susannah Digges all those tracts of land now Resurveyed into one called Bennetts Lowe in Kent County, also Land in said County called Green Oak, also land in Cecil County called Spries Hills on condition her husband Mr. Charles Diggs make over to my sister Mary Neale, Lands he claims belonging to his plantation in Prince County where his dwelling House stands or else Spries Hill and Green Oak to

Revert to sister Mary. To sister Elizabeth Darnall my now Dwelling Plantation known by Name of Parts of Delabrook Manner in St. Mary's County, also three tracts near St. Mary's Court House which Maria Farthing formerly had, also lands I escheated adjoining Farthing called ——. To sister Mary Neal, land in Charles County called Barbados (1500 acres) exchanged with Mr. John Diggs. To sister Dorothy Lowe tract called the Golden Grove laying Dorchester County. To Mrs. Mary Young of St. Maries County for her life, tract in said County called Workerton, to revert to sister Elizabeth Darnal. To said Mary Young, four young working sleeves, with twenty head of neat Cattle, ditto Sheep, ditto Hoggs, and two draft Horses, also furniture for One Room with two thousand pounds of Tobacco. Rest to sisters to be divided, but Negro Famils not to be parted at Division of Estate. Executors: Mr. Charles Diggs and Mr. Robert Darnall. No witnesses. Deposition of Christian Geist of City of Annapolis in Arundell County, gent, aged 30 years, as to handwriting of Nicholas Lowe of St. Mary County, Esquire, deceased. Sworn 23rd May 1729. True Copy, Edw. Henry Calvert. Ditto of Robert Elliot of Mary's County Gent 22 May 1729 as to said will as alleged by Mary Young. Ditto of Phillip Key of St. Marys County aged 32 years 23rd May 1727 as to paper Mr. Charles Digges told him he had found among papers in Closet of Mr. Lowe. Ditto of Edmund Cole of St. Mary's County Gent before Edward Henry Calvert, Esq. Commissary General, 23 May 1729. Aforesaid true Copey of Nicholas Lowe Esquire, his will and the Depositions from Lib. C: C No. 2. Folio 707 to 709, per John Gibson, Regr., Charles Absolute Lord do. 30 May 1729 before our Dear Brother Edward Henry Calvert, Esquire, our late Commissary General, will of Nicholas Lowe, Esquire. late of St. Mary County, deceased, by Sentence and Decree, proved in Prerogative Court in City of Annapolis, and administration granted 17 July 1729 to Charles Digges of Prince George County, Gent. Witness: Charles Calvert Esquire, Commissary General 1 June 1730, John Gibson, Junr, Registrar. Certificate of Benedict Leonard Calvert, Governor of Maryland 4 June 1730. Administration in Prerogative Court of Canterbury on estate of Henry Lowe, late of St. Mary's County, Province of Maryland in America, to Daughters Elizabeth Darnall (wife of Henry Darnall) and Dorothy Hall (wife of Francis Hall), Sons Henry Lowe and Bennet Lowe, executors, being deceased.

Mary Wade als Atkins, late in Maryland near Virginia. Administration 10 December 1660, to her sister Sara Starkey als Atkins, wife of John Starkey.

Admon. Act Book 1660, folio 195.

Daniel Taylor, lately of St. Martin Ludgate, but in Maryland in New England, deceased. Administration 24 July 1677 to Anne Yates als Taylor, natural sister and next of kin.

Admon. Act Book, 1677.

Anne Clymer als Ennis, late of Maryland. Administration 16 April 1691 to Christopher Rayner, first cousin and next of kin.

Admon. Act Book 1691, folio 66.

John Stannesby, late of Maryland, widower. Administration 4 January 1691/2 to brother William Stannesby.

Admon. Act Book 1692, folio 13.

John Seaman, late of Maryland. Administration 20 April 1692 to Richard Bell, guardian of Elizabeth Seaman, a minor, daughter and next of kin of defunct. Elizabeth Seaman, the relict, renouncing. This grant revoked, the will of defunct proved October 1692.

Admon. Act Book 1692, folio 67.

Nathaniel Heathcote, late of Anne Arundell County, Province of Maryland. Administration 7 July 1682 to his grandson Samuel Heathcote.

Admon. Act Book 1682.

Alexander Fullerton of Maryland, but in the ship the Elizabeth, bachelor, deceased. Administration 23 August 1694 to Isaac Fullerton, natural and lawful brother of deceased.

Admon. Act Book 1694.

George Butler, late of Maryland in West Indies. Administration 1 October 1698 to Jane Cooper, widow, principal creditor, Margaret Butler, the relict, having renounced.

Admon. Act. Book 1698.

Walter Pye, late in Maryland in West Indies. Administration 4 August 1699 to Robert Chaplin, guardian of Charles, Walter, and Anne Pye, minors, nephews, and neice of the defunct.

Admon. Act Book 1699.

Samuel Bigg, late of Maryland, but on the high seas, deceased. Administration 8 May 1703 to his sister Hanna, wife of Thomas Fox.

Admon. Act Book 1703.

Edward Newton, late of Mariland, beyond seas, bachelor. Administration 9 November 1725 to his father James Newton.

Admon. Act Book 1725, folio 218.

Amos Garrett, late of Maryland, beyond seas, bachelor. Administration 5 July 1728 to his sister Elizabeth Ginn, widow. This Grant was revoked and another made 29 of the same month and year to his sisters Mary Woodward and the aforesaid Elizabeth Ginn, widows. Another grant in January 1734/5.

Admon. Act Book 1728, folio 145.

James Peerman, formerly of Maryland, beyond seas, but deceased in the Fleet prison, London. Administration 10 February 1737/8 to his relict Ann Peerman.

Admon. Act Book 1738.

Thomas Cadwell, late of Maryland in the West Indies, bachelor. Administration 6 July 1703 to sister Anna Maria Cadwell, spinster.

Admon. Act Book 1703, folio 145.

John Knighton, late of Maryland, deceased. Administration 19 September 1720 to his mother Mary Farnworth als Knighton, wife of Ellis Farnworth.

Admon. Act Book 1720, folio 191.

Robert Arundell, late of Ottery, St. Mary, county Devon, died at Annapolis, North America, widower. Administration 13 November 1725 to James Channon, guardian of Rebecca Channon, a minor, granddaughter of the said Robert Arundell.

Admon. Act Book 1729, folio 214.

Michael Le Neve, late in Maryland, bachelor. Administration 3 September 1707 to his father Edward Le Neve, Esquire.

Admon. Act Book 1707, folio 177.

George Muschamp, late of Potoxen in Maryland, bachelor, Administration 11 August 1713 to his sister Elizabeth Muschamp.

Admon. Act Book 1713, folio 192.

William Bladen, late of Maryland, Esquire. Administration 9 December 1718 to his son Thomas Bladen, Esquire, during the absence of Anne Bladen, the relict, now in Maryland. Another Grant in September 1720.

Admon. Act Book 1718, folio 230.

Peregrine Browne, junior, late of Maryland in America. Administration 17 October 1713 to Margaret Browne, widow and

Executrix of Peregrine Browne, father of the said defunct. A former grant September 1712.

Admon. Act Book 1713, folio 225.

William Burrowes, late at Maryland in the West Indies. Administration 12 February 1706/7 to his brother Thomas Burrowes, during absence of Anne Burrowes, widow, the relict, now in Maryland.

Admon. Act Book 1707.

Robert Granger, late in Maryland. Administration 17 November 1690 to his first cousins William Granger and Elizabeth Benskin.

Admon. Act Book 1690.

William Roades, late of Maryland in America, bachelor. Administration 9 January 1726/7 to his brother Thomas Rhoades.

Admon. Act Book 1727.

John Smith, late of Maryland in North America. Administration 18 August 1727 to his relict Mary Smith.

Admon. Act Book 1727, folio 182.

Elizabeth Watts, late of Maryland in the West Indies, spinster. Administration 19 February 1707-8 to her brother Charles Watts.

Admon. Act. Book 1708, folio 33.

Robert Lawson, late of Maryland in America. Administration 8 October 1714 to his relict Margaret Lawson.

Admon. Act Book 1714, folio 199.

John Edgar, late of Maryland, beyond seas. Administration 16 January 1710-11 to John Egleshan, attorney for the relict, Mary, now wife of John Hampton.

Admon. Act Book 1711, folio 11.

Edward Price, late of Sommersett County in Maryland, bachelor. Administration 25 November 1714 to his brother William Price.

Admon. Act Book 1714, folio 233.

Samuel Peele, late in the province of Maryland, bachelor. Administration 3 August 1733 to his brother John Peele.

Admon. Act Book 1733.

Robert Peele, late of the province of Maryland, bachelor. Administration 18 January 1733/4 to his brother John Peele.

Admon. Act Book 1734.

James Butcher, late of Maryland, beyond seas, bachelor. Administration 14 July 1733 to his brother Francis Butcher.

Admon. Act Book 1733.

John Copson als Weaver, formerly of St. Paul in Bedford, but at Maryland, beyond seas, widower. Administration 1 December 1740 to his daughter and only child, Mary, wife of the Rev. Jacob Rogers, clerk.

Admon. Act Book 1740.

Amos Garrett, late of Maryland, beyond seas, bachelor. Administration 31 January 1734-5 to his sister Elizabeth Ginn, widow, a former grant in July 1728 to his sisters Mary Woodward, and the said Elizabeth Ginn, widow, having ceased by the death of the said Mary Woodward. This Grant expired, and another (with will annexed) made in December 1739.

Admon. Act Book 1735.

Henry Landen, late of Maryland in the West Indies, bachelor. Administration 12 January 1736-7 to his sister Hannah Lint-hall.

Admon. Act Book 1737.

Charles Gough, late of Maryland, widower. Administration 4 July 1699 to Stephen Naquier, Guardian of Thomas Gough, a minor son of defunct. This Grant expired and another made November 1700.

Admon. Act Book 1699.

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## NOTES.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION UPON REV. SAMUEL KNOX.

A sketch of the life of the Rev. Samuel Knox, to whose essay on education Thomas Jefferson was indebted for many of the details of his plan for the University of Virginia, is found in the chapter on secondary education in Maryland, by Mr. Basil Sollers, written for Steiner's *History of Education in Maryland* (p. 43 ff.). A much more extensive sketch of Rev. Mr. Knox, by Bernard C. Steiner, is contained in vol. I of the Report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education for 1898 and 1899, p. 577 ff. Neither Sollers nor Steiner had any information as to Knox's life, from the time of his birth in Ireland in 1756 until his matriculation at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, thirty-three years later; but a recent examination of Carey's *American Museum* by Mr. Sollers has shown that Knox had come to America before his matriculation at the Scotch University. He was previously known to have come to the United

States as early as 1795, and then to have been teaching a school at Bladensburg, Md. He accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church there in 1795. It now appears that in 1788 and 1789 he had been at Bladensburg in charge of a school there. In vol. V of the *American Museum*, p. 406 (April, 1789) is published a communication signed Richard Ponsonby, containing a poem written by Mr. Samuel Knox in seven stanzas, and spoken by an equal number of boys, whose names are given, "alternately, on the conclusion of the elocutionary exercises of Bladensburg Grammar School under his judicious care, at an exhibition held the 18th and 19th of December, 1788."

Mr. Knox's admiration for Washington, which was later shown in a funeral oration delivered by him at Frederick City on February 22, 1800, is also shown in a poem written by Knox and sent from Bladensburg on April 16, 1789, to the *American Museum*, in which it appears in vol. VI, p. 85. The poem is entitled, "An ode most respectfully inscribed to his Excellency, General Washington, on being chosen President of the United States."

Another publication by Rev. Mr. Knox has recently been seen by the writer for the first time in the library of the Garrett family and is entitled, "A discourse delivered in the First Baptist Church (Baltimore) on January 12, 1815, a day recommended by the President as a day of fasting and prayer."

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#### "MARYLAND.

In this Province one fourth Part of the Inhabitants or more are roman Catholicks. seven Churches of England are erected & established and some Missionaries are sent here. I presume about one Third Part or more, are Discenters of various denomination, but chiefly Praesbuterians. There may be seven or eight Praesbuterian Ministers settled In this Province and there are many very Important praesbuterian Vacancies."

Rev. Elam Potter, who graduated at Yale College in 1765, travelled through the Southern colonies in 1767 and, on his return, gave the Rev. Ezra Stiles, then pastor of a church in Newport, R. I., the results of his observations. Under date of Aug. 22, 1768 are found the above remarks as to Maryland, which have been furnished us through the courtesy of Prof. F. B. Dexter of the Yale University Library, where the Stiles manuscripts are preserved.